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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN GOWON AND EGYPTIAN MINISTER
FOR PLANNING

1. AT END OF OAU MINISTERIAL TRADE CONFERENCE JULY 13, GOWON HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF PLANNING DR. SAYED CABALLAH. DISCUSSIONS WERE WIDE-RANGING AND TOUCHED UPON MIDDLE EAST CRISIS WITH GOWON EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH CONTINUED OAU SUPPORT GIVEN TO EGYPT. GOWON REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID IT WAS INTOLERABLE THAT ISRAEL STILL CONTINUED DEFY WORLD OPINION BY HOLDING ON TO EGYPTIAN TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY FORCE. HE ASSURED CABALLAH OF NIGERIA'S CONTINUED MORAL SUPPORT IN EGYPT'S JUST CAUSE.

2. IN REPLY CABALLAH EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRY'S GRATITUDE FOR THE OAU'S MORAL SUPPORT GIVEN TO EGYPT IN ITS STRUGGLES AGAINST ISRAELI OCCUPATION.

3. COMMENT: GOWON'S STATEMENT SUGGESTS THAT FMG POLICY
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TOWARD MIDDLE EAST WILL COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH OAU

RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE. IN VIEW OF GOWON'S POSITION
AS OAU CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN POLICY STATEMENTS ON MIDDLE
EAST WILL PROBABLY BE MORE FREQUENT AND FORCEFUL THAN
IN PAST AND WILL HAVE TENDENCY OF SUPPORTING ARAB DEMANDS
FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

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